

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 13 -22, 24, 25, and 27 are now in the application. Claims 17, 25, and 27 have been amended. Claims 23 and 26 have been canceled.

The specification and the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved.

The allowance of several claims and the indicated allowability of the remaining claims is appreciatively noted. The subject matter of the allowable claim 26 has been incorporated into claim 25, so that the rejection of the latter is now moot.

The “force-applying lines of said force-generating” elements are now inferentially recited and they are properly recited as “force-generating” elements in claim 17. The “axial centerline” of claims 17 and 25 has been corrected. The rejection of claim 23, because of the cancellation thereof, is now moot. The “hydro-forming” issue has been addressed by reciting the tool as being “configured for” hydroforming. As such, the combination of the tool and the clamping device is a proper claim.

In view of the foregoing, the allowance of all remaining claims is solicited.

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